

# Homelessness in the City of Alexandria: Update on the Strategic Plan

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## City of Alexandria Strategic Plan

### **Key Indicator to Achieve by 2022**

Reduce Homelessness from 224 persons in 2016 to 173

### **Action Items**

- Implement Strategies toward functionally ending chronic homelessness by the end of 2017
- Identify and support homeless youth and transitional age youth (18 to 24) by implementing best practices.



# The Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness in the City of Alexandria

### <u>Vision</u>

Within the City of Alexandria, no one should experience homelessness - no one should be without a safe, suitable, and stable place to call home

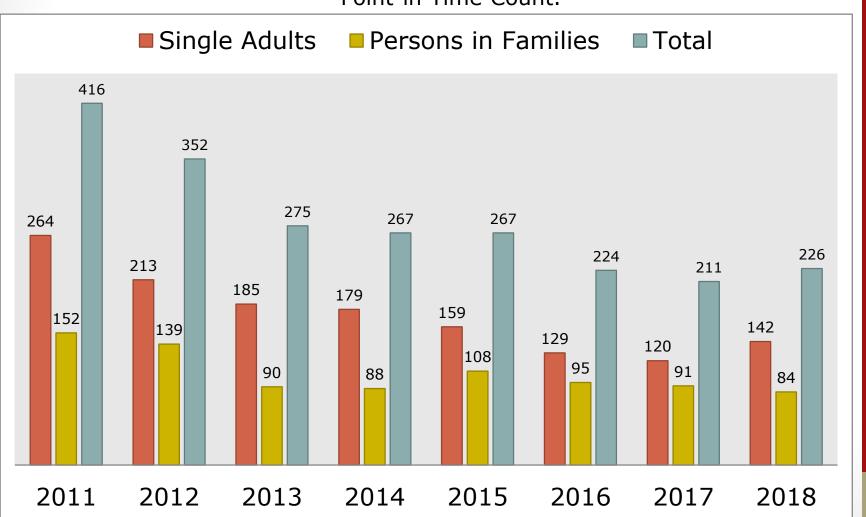
### **Mission**

To ensure the planning, coordination, and implementation of an effective and efficient continuum of care to prevent and end homelessness in the City of Alexandria

### Point in Time Data

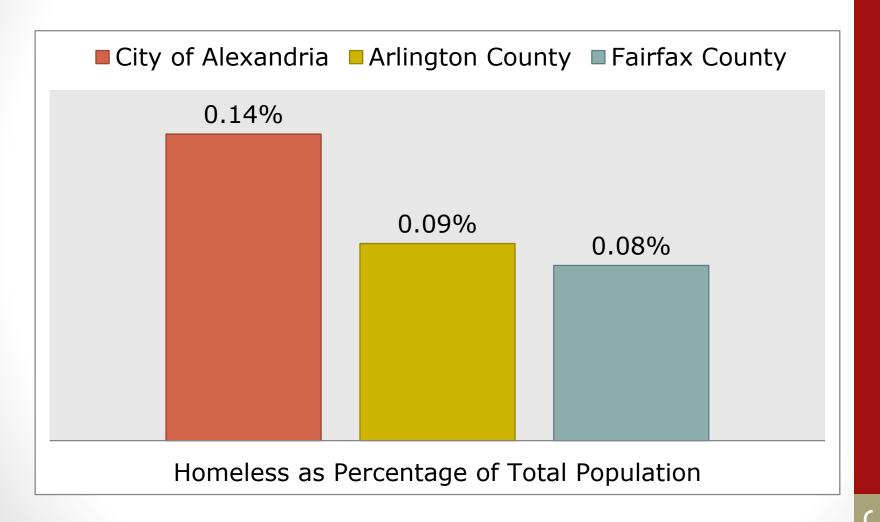
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Since 2011 the City of Alexandria has achieved a 46% decline in the total number of persons experiencing homelessness on the night of the Annual Point-in-Time Count.





# 2018 Share of Population Experiencing Homelessness





### The Partnership's Accomplishments 2015 to 2018

- Established permanent housing options and increased resources for homeless subpopulations.
- Functionally ended Veteran homelessness.
- Street homelessness has decreased 17% since 2017;
   35% decrease since 2015
- Creation of specialized supportive services for person's experiencing homelessness.
- Same Day Access for coordinated entry





### Housing available for below 30% of the AMI:

- 769 Public Housing Units
- 1,926 Housing Choice Vouchers 1,415 in use
- 1,062 Project Based Housing Choice Voucher Units

Low annual turnover, approximately 100 Households

### ARHA Waiting List:

Housing Choice Vouchers - 8,045

Public Housing – 7,182

Elderly/Disabled - 880

Moderate Rehabilitation- 2,635



### **Gap: Lack of Housing for People at 30% of AMI**

### **Best practices**

- Local Rental Subsidies Financial assistance to supplement limited public housing and housing choice vouchers.
- Micro-Units Small dwellings for single individuals, strategy to increase capacity.
- Housing authority prioritizes homelessness for Housing Choice voucher program.



# Gap: Bottlenecks in next step housing for those ready to move from PSH to affordable unit.

47 units of PSH in the City of Alexandria. Chronically homeless by-names list--over 95 households without children considered chronically homeless.

### Best practice

Moving On Model--enables stable tenants of supportive housing who no longer require on-site services to transition to a private apartment





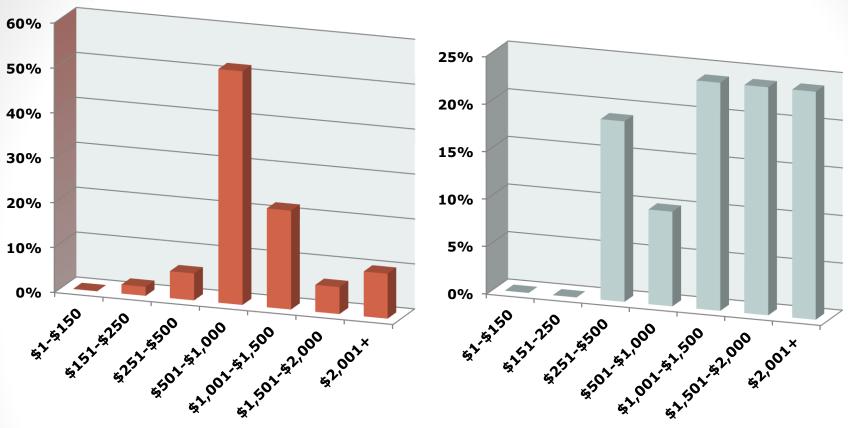
2018 PIT data shows 31% of adults had substance use or co-occurring disorder.

### Best practice

Supportive Housing with a focus on harm reduction, person centered practice and trauma informed care.

### **Gap: Under Employment**





Households without Children

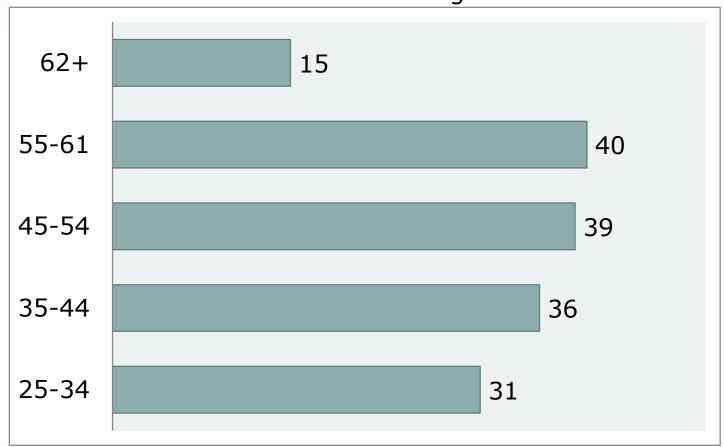
Household with Children

Best Practice: Increased capacity in Supportive Employment services needed for households with disabilities

### **Gap:** Aging population with increasing health conditions







### Best practice

Exploring funding opportunities with healthcare systems



### **Current and Future Challenge:**

# Threat of reduced resources for homeless service providers

 Federal dollars have been targeted during the past two fiscal years for drastic cuts